GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Literacy Rate
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is still lagging behind in achieving the target of cent-percent literacy;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the measures taken by the Government to achieve the target of cent-percent literacy rate and the time by which this target is likely to be achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b) The Census 2011 reported 72.98 percent literacy in the country. The Government has set the target of achieving 80% literacy and reducing the gender gap to 10 percentile points by the end of 12th Five Year Plan.

(c) The Government have enacted The Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 and launched Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, to raise the literacy level, in the age group of 6-14 years and 15 years and above, respectively in the country. Phase-wise targets are kept to achieve the desired literacy rate.
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